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SUBJECT: JAPANESE EMBASSY QUERIES GOP ABOUT RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING
SYSTEM FOR VISITS OF US NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS TO PHILIP-
PINE WATERS

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED FEB 12 BY JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT, UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS, IT HAD QUERIED GOP TO FIND OUT WHAT SYSTEMS
FOR MONITORING RADIOACTIVITY EMISSIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED
IN PHILIPPINE PORTS WITH RESPECT TO VISITS US NUCLEAR-
POWERED VESSELS. JAPANESE EMBASSY SAID THEY INFORMING
US AS MATTER OF COURTESY, AND THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE PRO-
VIDED WITH COPY THEIR NOTE TO GOP. NOTE RECEIVED ON FEB 13
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AND TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

2. JAPANESE SAID MOFA HAD INSTRUCTED VARIOUS EMBASSIES (LONDON AND MADRID) TO INITIATE SUCH QUERIES IN ORDER TO GATHER INFORMATION TO RESPOND TO QUESTION COMMUNITIS PARTY EXPECTED TO RAISE DURING CURRENT DIET SESSION RE VALUE SUCH MONITORING SYSTEMS.

3. RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN SENSITIVE ISSUE IN PHILIPPINES TO DATE. HOWEVER, SINCE 1966 U.S. NAVY HAS FORWARDED QUARTERLY SAMPLINGS OF WATER FROM SUBIC BAY AREAS TO CINCPAC HIGHER HEADQUARTERS FOR FORWARDING TO CONUS. VISITS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS TO MANILA HAVE BEEN RARE; PRESUMABLY WATER SAMPLING PROCEDURE UNDERTAKEN ON SUCH VISITS. DATA ON SAMPLING NOTPROVIDED GOP.

4. COMMENT: ISSUE OF VISITS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS TO PHILIPPINE PORTS HAS NOT BEEN PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME BETWEEN USG AND GOP. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, HAS CLEARED VISITS DIRECTLY WITH MALACANANG. DFA INVOLVEMENT IN MATTER, PARTICULARLY ON MATTER AS SENSITIVE AS RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING, NOT LIKELY TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE. WE WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.
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